(f) wh'at was the report of each investigators?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) It is not mandatory to exacu tly adhere to the World Health Organisation formula since the composition o/ .Oral rehydration-salt such as 'Electral. may require change in terms of electro-diarrhoea and as per local needs. TRis is lytes content depending on the severity of done in consultation with experts.

(c) to (f) since era! rehydration salt is not a new drug and has been in use for many years, cHnicai trials with eiec-tral was "ot considered necessary.

Proxivon—an irrational comMnation of drugs

- 1233. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Proxivon h»s an irrational combination of drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Goivemment did not clear this drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a combination is not being marketed elewhere in the world; and

(d) if the reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, wh'at are the reasons for not withdrawing this products from circulation when the composition is harmful, dangerous and induces deaths and wliat action has been taken against that authority?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The drug Proxivon, which is a combination of dextroproxyphene, paracetamol and diazepam was licensed many years ago by the State Drug Control Authorities, The question of its rationality in the light of the current knowledge would be reviewed by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory body under Ifoe Drugs & Cosmetics Act. We have no information whether such a combination js not marketed elsewhere in the world.

Expenditure incurred by Air India on advertisements to controvert a report in 'India Today"

1234. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN:
' SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention bas been drawn to the report which appeared in the magaane India Today' of March 31, 1986 under the caption 'Double Dealing';

(b) whether it ig a 'fact that to controvert the above report Air India publiw shed advertisements in a number of newspapers, if so, what *was* the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether Government have m«de any enquiry into the matter, if so, wkat are the findings? - ^',

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) *Yet,* Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. fte expenditure incurred by Air India on the advertisement was Rs. 77,880|-.

(c) A preliminary enquiry into the matter has revealed nothing adverse.

Piracy of mnsic cassettes

1235. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it 's a fact that large scale piracy of music cassettes ia *the* countrv h9° beaa goiaa *f"* and